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### Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 January 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-24, 26-30 and 32-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-24, 26-30 and 32-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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## DETAILED ACTION

### Remarks

1. In response to communications filed on January 7, 2008, claims 5, 25 and 31 are cancelled; claims 1-4, 6-24, and 26-30 have been amended, and new claims 32-34 have been added. Therefore, claims 1-4, 6-24, 26-30, and 32-34 are presently pending in the application.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-17, 19-24, 26-27, 29-30, and 32-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Freivald et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,898,836) in view of Saito et al. (U.S. Patent No. 2003/0140309).

As to claim 1, Freivald et al. teaches an information collecting apparatus (See abstract) comprising:

a network connecting unit which connects to a network (See column 1, lines 9-11; column 3, lines 64-67; column 4, lines 1-6);

an event collecting destination site registering unit which registers event collecting destination sites for detecting the presence or absence of an event which occurred on the network or in the real world (See abstract; column 3, lines 64-67; column 4, lines 1-30);

an information collecting destination site registering unit which registers information collecting destination sites for collecting documents including data comprising text, image, audio sound, or a combination thereof (See abstract; column 3, lines 64-67; column 4, lines 1-30; column 3, lines 30-41; column 7, lines 59-65);

an event detecting unit which obtains information from the registered event collecting destination sites and detects the presence or absence of the occurrence of the event from the presence or absence of an update of the obtained information (See column 3, lines 64-67; column 4, lines 1-26).

Freivald et al. not teach a keyword extracting unit which extracts one or more keywords from an updating area detected by the event detecting unit; an information searching unit which searches the documents in the registered information collecting destination sites for a predetermined period of time by using the keyword extracted by the keyword extracting unit; and an information notifying unit which notifies the user of a search result of the information searching unit.

Saito et al. teaches information processing apparatus, information processing method, storage medium, and program (See abstract), in which he teaches a keyword extracting unit which extracts one or more keywords from an updating area in response to the updating area being detected by the event detecting unit (See abstract;

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paragraph 0008; paragraph 0012; paragraphs 0015-0019; paragraphs 0029-0031); an information searching unit which searches the documents in the registered information collecting destination sites for a predetermined period of time by using the keyword extracted by the keyword extracting unit (See abstract; paragraph 0008; paragraph 0012; paragraphs 0015-0019; paragraphs 0029-003; paragraph 0099-0104; paragraph 0117; paragraphs 0124-0125; paragraph 0130); and an information notifying unit which notifies the user of a search result of the information searching unit (See abstract; paragraph 0008; paragraph 0012; paragraphs 0015-0019; paragraphs 0029-0031).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have modified Freivald et al., to include a keyword extracting unit which extracts one or more keywords from an updating area detected by the event detecting unit; an information searching unit which searches the documents in the registered information collecting destination sites for a predetermined period of time by using the keyword extracted by the keyword extracting unit; and an information notifying unit which notifies the user of a search result of the information searching unit.

It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Freivald et al., by the teachings of Saito et al. because a keyword extracting unit which extracts one or more keywords from an updating area detected by the event detecting unit; an information searching unit which searches the documents in the registered information collecting destination sites for a predetermined period of time by using the keyword extracted by the keyword extracting

unit; and an information notifying unit which notifies the user of a search result of the information searching unit would give the user an indication of how significant the change is and reduce the number of change notifications sent to the user and reduce storage requirements (See Freivald et al., column 3, lines 49-61).

As to claims 2, 12 and 22, Freivald et al. as modified, teaches wherein the event detecting unit accesses the event collecting destination site, downloads the document in the site, stores it as a reference, thereafter, detects the presence or absence of the event occurrence from the presence or absence of the update by comparing the document downloaded from the event collecting destination site with the reference, and updates the reference by using the downloaded document (See Freivald et al., abstract; column 2, lines 8-22; column 3, lines 64-67; column 4, lines 1-22); wherein in the event detecting step, the event collecting destination site is accessed, the document in the site is downloaded and stored as a reference, and thereafter, the presence or absence of the event occurrence is detected from the presence or absence of the update by comparing the document downloaded from the event collecting destination site with the reference (See Freivald et al., abstract; column 2, lines 8-22; column 3, lines 64-67; column 4, lines 1-22); wherein the event detecting step, the event collecting destination site is accessed, the document in the site is downloaded and stored as a reference, and thereafter, the presence or absence of the event occurrence is detected from the presence or absence of the update by comparing the document downloaded from the event collecting destination site with the reference (See Freivald et al., abstract; column

2, lines 8-22; column 3, lines 64-67; column 4, lines 1-22).

As to claims 3, 13 and 23, Freivald et al. as modified, teaches wherein the information searching unit accesses the information collecting destination site, downloads the document in the site, and searches a corresponding document portion by using the keyword from the downloaded document (See Freivald et al., abstract; column 2, lines 8-22; column 3, lines 64-67; column 4, lines 1-22; column 14, lines 48-59; also Saito et al., abstract; paragraph 0008; paragraph 0012; paragraphs 0015-0019; paragraphs 0029-0031); wherein in the information searching step, the information collecting destination site is accessed, the document in the site is downloaded, and a corresponding document portion is searched by using the keyword from the downloaded document (See Freivald et al., abstract; column 2, lines 8-22; column 3, lines 64-67; column 4, lines 1-22; column 14, lines 48-59; also see Saito et al., abstract; paragraph 0008; paragraph 0012; paragraphs 0015-0019; paragraphs 0029-0031); wherein in the information searching step, the information collecting destination site is accessed, the document in the site is downloaded, and a corresponding document portion is searched by using the keyword from the downloaded document (See Freivald et al., abstract; column 2, lines 8-22; column 3, lines 64-67; column 4, lines 1-22; column 14, lines 48-59; also See Saito et al., abstract; paragraph 0008; paragraph 0012; paragraphs 0015-0019; paragraphs 0029-0031).

As to claims 4, 14 and 24, Freivald et al. as modified, teaches a document storing unit which stores the document obtained from the information collecting destination site by the information searching unit (See Freivald et al., abstract; column 2, lines 8-22; column 3, lines 64-67; column 4, lines 1-22; also see Saito et al., abstract; paragraph 0008; paragraph 0012; paragraphs 0015-0019; paragraphs 0029-0031); a document storing step wherein the document obtained from the information collecting destination site by the information searching step is stored into a document storing unit (See Freivald et al., abstract; column 2, lines 8-22; column 3, lines 64-67; column 4, lines 1-22; also see Saito et al., abstract; paragraph 0008; paragraph 0012; paragraphs 0015-0019; paragraphs 0029-0031); a document storing step wherein the document obtained from the information collecting destination site by the information searching step is stored into a document storing unit (See Freivald et al., abstract; column 2, lines 8-22; column 3, lines 64-67; column 4, lines 1-22; also see Saito et al., abstract; paragraph 0008; paragraph 0012; paragraphs 0015-0019; paragraphs 0029-0031).

As to claims 6, 16 and 26, Freivald et al. as modified, teaches wherein the event collecting destination site registering unit obtains the event collecting destination site from an event collecting destination list server via the network and registers it, and the information collecting destination site registering unit obtains the information collecting destination site from an information collecting destination list server via the network and registers it (See Freivald et al., abstract; column 2, lines 8-22; column 3, lines 64-67; column 4, lines 1-22); wherein in the event collecting destination site registering step,



the event collecting destination site is obtained from an event collecting destination list server via the network and registered, and in the information collecting destination site registering step, the information collecting destination site is obtained from an information collecting destination list server via the network and registered (See Freivald et al., abstract; column 2, lines 8-22; column 3, lines 64-67; column 4, lines 1-22); wherein in the event collecting destination site registering step, the event collecting destination site is obtained from an event collecting destination list server via the network and registered, and in the information collecting destination site registering step, the information collecting destination site is obtained from an information collecting destination list server via the network and registered (See Freivald et al., abstract; column 2, lines 8-22; column 3, lines 64-67; column 4, lines 1-22).

As to claims 7, 17 and 27, Freivald et al. as modified, teaches wherein the event collecting destination site registering unit obtains event collecting destination sites from another information collecting apparatus having the same construction via the network and registers them, and the information collecting destination site registering unit obtains information collecting destination sites from the information collecting apparatus having the same construction via the network and registers them (See Freivald et al., column 2, lines 37-48; column 6, lines 20-32); wherein in the event collecting destination site registering step, event collecting destination sites are obtained from another information collecting apparatus having the same construction via the network and registered, and in the information collecting destination site registering step, information

collecting destination sites are obtained from the information collecting apparatus having the same construction via the network and registered (See Freivald et al., column 2, lines 37-48; column 6, lines 20-32); wherein in the event collecting destination site registering step, event collecting destination sites are obtained from another information collecting apparatus having the same construction via the network and registered, and in the information collecting destination site registering step, information collecting destination sites are obtained from the information collecting apparatus having the same construction via the network and registered (See Freivald et al., column 2, lines 37-48; column 6, lines 20-32).

As to claims 9, 19 and 29, Freivald et al. as modified, teaches wherein if only new information has been added to the updating area of the event collecting destination site in which the event occurrence has been detected, the event detecting unit stores a history of the new information, and if old information was deleted simultaneously with the addition of the new information to the updating area, the event detecting unit stores the history of the new information and a history of the deleted information and the information notifying unit is enabled to notify the user of the stored histories (See Freivald et al., column 2, lines 37-48; column 6, lines 20-46); wherein in the event detecting step, if only new information has been added to the updating area of the event collecting destination site in which the event occurrence has been detected, a history of the new information is stored, and if old information was deleted simultaneously with the addition of the new information to the updating area, the history of the new information

and a history of the deleted information are stored and the information notifying unit is enabled to notify the user of the stored histories (See Freivald et al., column 2, lines 37-48; column 6, lines 20-46); wherein in the event detecting step, if only new information has been added to the updating area of the event collecting destination site in which the event occurrence has been detected, a history of the new information is stored, and if old information was deleted simultaneously with the addition of the new information to the updating area, the history of the new information and a history of the deleted information are stored and the information notifying unit is enabled to notify the user of the stored histories (See Freivald et al., column 2, lines 37-48; column 6, lines 20-46).

As to claims 10, 20 and 30, Freivald et al. as modified, teaches wherein if only new information has been added to the updating area of the event collecting destination site in which the event occurrence has been detected, the event detecting unit stores the keyword extracted by the keyword extracting unit as a history of the new information, and if old information was deleted simultaneously with the addition of the new information to the updating area, the event detecting unit stores the keyword extracted by the keyword extracting unit as a history of the new information and a history of the deleted information and the information notifying unit is enabled to notify the user of the keyword as stored histories (See Freivald et al., column 2, lines 37-48; column 6, lines 20-32; also see Saito et al., abstract; paragraph 0008; paragraph 0012; paragraphs 0015-0019; paragraphs 0029-0031); wherein in the event detecting step, if only new information has been added to the updating area of the event collecting

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destination site in which the event occurrence has been detected, the keyword extracted in the keyword extracting step is stored as a history of the new information, and if old information was deleted simultaneously with the addition of the new information to the updating area, the keyword extracted by the keyword extracting unit is stored as a history of the new information and a history of the deleted information and the information notifying unit is enabled to notify the user of the keyword as stored histories (See Freivald et al., column 2, lines 37-48; column 6, lines 20-32; also see Saito et al., abstract; paragraph 0008; paragraph 0012; paragraphs 0015-0019; paragraphs 0029-0031); wherein in the event detecting step, if only new information has been added to the updating area of the event collecting destination site in which the event occurrence has been detected, the keyword extracted in the keyword extracting step is stored as a history of the new information, and if old information was deleted simultaneously with the addition of the new information to the updating area, the keyword extracted in the keyword extracting step is stored as a history of the new information and a history of the deleted information and the information notifying unit is enabled to notify the user of the keyword as stored histories (See Freivald et al., column 2, lines 37-48; column 6, lines 20-32; also see Saito et al., abstract; paragraph 0008; paragraph 0012; paragraphs 0015-0019; paragraphs 0029-0031).

As to claim 11, Freivald et al. teaches a program for allowing a computer to execute (See abstract):

an event collecting destination site registering step wherein event collecting destination sites for detecting the presence or absence of an event occurring on a network or in the real world are registered by an event collecting destination site registering unit (See column 1, lines 9-11; column 3, lines 64-67; column 4, lines 1-30); an information collecting destination site registering step wherein information collecting destination sites for collecting documents including data such as text, image, audio sound, or a combination thereof are registered by an information collecting destination site registering unit (See abstract; column 3, lines 64-67; column 4, lines 1-30; column 3, lines 30-41; column 7, lines 59-65); an event detecting step wherein information is obtained from the registered event collecting destination sites and the presence or absence of event occurrence is detected by an event detecting unit on the basis of the presence or absence of update of the obtained information (See column 3, lines 64-67; column 4, lines 1-26).

Freivald et al. not teach a keyword extracting step wherein one or more keywords are extracted by a keyword extracting unit from an updating area detected in the event detecting step; an information searching step wherein the documents in the registered information collecting destination sites for a predetermined period of time are searched by an information searching unit by using the keyword extracted in the keyword extracting step; and an information notifying step wherein the user is notified of a search result of the information searching step by an information notifying unit.

Saito et al. teaches information processing apparatus, information processing method, storage medium, and program (See abstract), in which he teaches a keyword

extracting unit which extracts one or more keywords from an updating area in response to the updating area being detected by the event detecting unit (See abstract; paragraph 0008; paragraph 0012; paragraphs 0015-0019; paragraphs 0029-0031); an information searching step wherein the documents in the registered information collecting destination sites for a predetermined period of time are searched by an information searching unit by using the keyword extracted in the keyword extracting step (See abstract; paragraph 0008; paragraph 0012; paragraphs 0015-0019; paragraphs 0029-003; paragraph 0099-0104; paragraph 0117; paragraphs 0124-0125; paragraph 0130); and an information notifying unit which notifies the user of a search result of the information searching unit (See abstract; paragraph 0008; paragraph 0012; paragraphs 0015-0019; paragraphs 0029-0031).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have modified Freivald et al., to include a keyword extracting step wherein one or more keywords are extracted by a keyword extracting unit from an updating area detected in the event detecting step; an information searching step wherein the documents in the registered information collecting destination sites for a predetermined period of time are searched by an information searching unit by using the keyword extracted in the keyword extracting step; and an information notifying step wherein the user is notified of a search result of the information searching step by an information notifying unit.

It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Freivald et al., by the teachings of Saito et al.

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because a keyword extracting step wherein one or more keywords are extracted by a keyword extracting unit from an updating area detected in the event detecting step; an information searching step wherein the documents in the registered information collecting destination sites for a predetermined period of time are searched by an information searching unit by using the keyword extracted in the keyword extracting step; and an information notifying step wherein the user is notified of a search result of the information searching step by an information notifying unit would give the user an indication of how significant the change is and reduce the number of change notifications sent to the user and reduce storage requirements (See Freivald et al., column 3, lines 49-61).

As to claim 21, Freivald et al. teaches an information collecting apparatus (See abstract) comprising:

an event collecting destination site registering step wherein event collecting destination sites for detecting the presence or absence of an event occurring on a network or in the real world are registered (See column 1, lines 9-11; column 3, lines 64-67; column 4, lines 1-30); an information collecting destination site registering step wherein information collecting destination sites for collecting documents including data such as text, image, audio sound, or combination thereof registered (See abstract; column 3, lines 64-67; column 4, lines 1-30; column 3, lines 30-41; column 7, lines 59-65); an event detecting step wherein information is obtained from the registered event collecting destination sites and the presence or absence of event occurrence is

detected on the basis of the presence or absence of update of the obtained information (See column 3, lines 64-67; column 4, lines 1-26).

Freivald et al. not teach a keyword extracting step wherein one or more keywords are extracted from an updating area detected in the event detecting step; an information searching step wherein the documents in the registered information collecting destination sites for a predetermined period of time are searched by an information searching unit by using the keyword extracted in the keyword extracting step; and an information notifying step wherein the user is notified of a search result of the information searching step.

Saito et al. teaches information processing apparatus, information processing method, storage medium, and program (See abstract), in which he teaches a keyword extracting unit which extracts one or more keywords from an updating area in response to the updating area being detected by the event detecting unit (See abstract; paragraph 0008; paragraph 0012; paragraphs 0015-0019; paragraphs 0029-0031); an information searching step wherein the documents in the registered information collecting destination sites for a predetermined period of time are searched by an information searching unit by using the keyword extracted in the keyword extracting step unit (See abstract; paragraph 0008; paragraph 0012; paragraphs 0015-0019; paragraphs 0029-003; paragraph 0099-0104; paragraph 0117; paragraphs 0124-0125; paragraph 0130); and an information notifying unit which notifies the user of a search result of the information searching unit (See abstract; paragraph 0008; paragraph 0012; paragraphs 0015-0019; paragraphs 0029-0031).



Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have modified Freivald et al., to include a keyword extracting step wherein one or more keywords are extracted from an updating area detected in the event detecting step; an information searching step wherein the documents in the registered information collecting destination sites for a predetermined period of time are searched by an information searching unit by using the keyword extracted in the keyword extracting step; and an information notifying step wherein the user is notified of a search result of the information searching step.

It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Freivald et al., by the teachings of Saito et al. because a keyword extracting step wherein one or more keywords are extracted from an updating area detected in the event detecting step; an information searching step wherein the documents in the registered information collecting destination sites for a predetermined period of time are searched by an information searching unit by using the keyword extracted in the keyword extracting step; and an information notifying step wherein the user is notified of a search result of the information searching step would give the user an indication of how significant the change is and reduce the number of change notifications sent to the user and reduce storage requirements (See Freivald et al., column 3, lines 49-61).

As to claims 32-34, Freivald et al. as modified, teaches wherein the information searching unit counts the number of searching times as an information search result

using the keyword, and stops the search using the keyword when the predetermined period of time has elapsed and the number of the searching times is equal to or less than a threshold value (See Saito et al., paragraphs 0100-0103; paragraph 0155; paragraphs 0216-0221); wherein the information searching step counts the number of searching times as an information search result using the keyword, and stops the search using the keyword when the predetermined period of time has elapsed and the number of the searching times is equal to or less than a threshold value (See Saito et al., paragraphs 0100-0103; paragraph 0155; paragraphs 0216-0221); wherein the information searching unit counts the number of searching times as an information search result using the keyword, and stops the search using the keyword when the predetermined period of time has elapsed and the number of the searching times is equal to or less than a threshold value (See Saito et al., paragraphs 0100-0103; paragraph 0155; paragraphs 0216-0221).

4. Claims 8, 18 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Freivald et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,898,836) Saito et al. (U.S. Patent No. 2003/0140309), in further view of Song et al. (U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0078044).

As to claims 8, 18 and 28, Freivald et al. as modified, does not teach wherein the keyword extracting unit morpheme-analyzes the updating area detected by the event detecting unit, divides it every part of speech, thereafter, extracts only proper nouns, and if the extracted nouns are different from existing keywords registered in a keyword

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database, outputs the extracted proper nouns as keywords to the information searching unit; wherein in the keyword extracting step, the updating area detected in the event detecting step is morpheme-analyzed and divided every part of speech, thereafter, only proper nouns are extracted, and if the extracted nouns are different from existing keywords registered in a keyword database, the extracted proper nouns are outputted as keywords to the information searching step; wherein in the keyword extracting step, the updating area detected in the event detecting step is morpheme-analyzed and divided every part of speech, thereafter, only proper nouns are extracted, and if the extracted nouns are different from existing keywords registered in a keyword database, the extracted proper nouns are outputted as keywords to the information searching step.

Song et al. teaches a system for automatically classifying documents by category learning using a genetic algorithm and a term cluster and method thereof (See abstract), in which he teaches wherein the keyword extracting unit morpheme-analyzes the updating area detected by the event detecting unit, divides it every part of speech (See paragraph 0017; paragraph 0031; paragraph 0035), thereafter, extracts only proper nouns (See paragraph 0017; paragraph 0031; paragraph 0035), and if the extracted nouns are different from existing keywords registered in a keyword database, outputs the extracted proper nouns as keywords to the information searching unit (See paragraph 0017; paragraph 0031; paragraph 0035); wherein in the keyword extracting step, the updating area detected in the event detecting step is morpheme-analyzed and divided every part of speech, thereafter, only proper nouns are extracted, and if the

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extracted nouns are different from existing keywords registered in a keyword database, the extracted proper nouns are outputted as keywords to the information searching step (See paragraph 0017; paragraph 0031; paragraph 0035); wherein in the keyword extracting step, the updating area detected in the event detecting step is morpheme-analyzed and divided every part of speech, thereafter, only proper nouns are extracted, and if the extracted nouns are different from existing keywords registered in a keyword database, the extracted proper nouns are outputted as keywords to the information searching step (See paragraph 0017; paragraph 0031; paragraph 0035).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have modified Freivald et al. as modified, to include a keyword extracting unit which extracts one or more keywords from an updating area detected by the event detecting unit; an information searching unit which searches the documents in the registered information collecting destination sites by using the keyword extracted by the keyword extracting unit; and an information notifying unit which notifies the user of a search result of the information searching unit.

It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Freivald et al. as modified by the teachings of Song et al. because a keyword extracting unit which extracts one or more keywords from an updating area detected by the event detecting unit; an information searching unit which searches the documents in the registered information collecting destination sites by using the keyword extracted by the keyword extracting unit; and an information notifying unit which notifies the user of a search result of the information searching unit

would give the user an indication of how significant the change is and reduce the number of change notifications sent to the user and reduce storage requirements (See Freivald et al., column 3, lines 49-61).

### ***Response to Arguments***

5. Applicant's arguments filed on 07-January -2008, with respect to the rejected claims 1-4,6-24, 26-30, and 32-34 have been fully considered but they are not found to be persuasive:

In response to applicants' arguments regarding *"the Applicant respectfully submits that the alleged modification of Freivald merely discloses a periodic execution of retrieval, not the execution for a predetermined period of time recited in claim 1. While the Examiner has alleged that a predetermined time period is tantamount to a weekly basis or 'frequently', the Applicant respectfully submits that one skilled in the art would make no such comparison,"* the arguments have been fully considered but are not found to be persuasive, because a "predetermined time period" is not defined within the claim language. Furthermore, the example given "a search for the recited predetermined period of time would allow the retrieval to be carded out from the occurrence of the event (i.e., being detected in the even collecting destination site) and discontinued when the number of retrievals has decreased (i.e., at a point in time when the topic has ceased being "news")", by the applicant is not disclosed in the claim language and therefore moot. Again the examiner argues that a "predetermined time period" is vague and could be reasonably interpreted to be read on the Freivald

reference. Freivald discloses several times where the "predetermined time period" is disclosed, such as in column 2, lines 8-22, lines 42-44, where "once everyday or week" and "each week" can be read on "predetermined time period". Saito also, discloses in paragraph 0117 and paragraph 0125, a "threshold" and "predetermined conditions" which could be read on "predetermined time period". Examiner would also like to point out that although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir.1993).

In response to applicants' arguments regarding "*Further, even assuming arguendo that Freivald and Saito did disclose the features discussed by the Examiner, the Applicants respectfully submit that there is no motivation to combine the cited references,*" the arguments have been fully considered but are not found to be persuasive, because both cited references teach inventions that are in the same field of endeavor. Freivald teaches registering and change detection in documents or web pages or emails and Saito teaches information processing which includes event detection in emails and updating information, therefore the examiner believes that Freivald can be modified Saito and the modified references combined can read on the present invention. Further, in response to applicants' arguments above, it must be recognized that any judgment on obviousness is in a sense necessarily a reconstruction based upon hindsight reasoning. But so long as it takes into account only knowledge which was within the level of ordinary skill at the time the claimed invention was made, and does not include knowledge gleaned only from the applicant's disclosure, such a

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reconstruction is proper. See *In re McLaughlin*, 443 F.2d 1392, 170 USPQ 209 (CCPA 1971).

*"In determining whether subject matter of a patent claim is obvious, neither the particular motivation nor the avowed purpose of the patentee controls. What matters is the objective reach of the claim."* **KSR v. Teleflex**, 550 U.S., 127 S. Ct. 1727 (2007)

### **Conclusion**

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MELLISSA M. CHOJNACKI whose telephone number is (571)272-4076. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00am-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Rones can be reached on (571) 272-4085. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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